

POLICE DEFENDED BY JUDGE MAY IN GRAND JURY TALK

Activities of 'Worn Out Has
Beens' Attacked From
Bench in Brooklyn.

SEES POLITICAL BIAS
Almairal Investigators and
C. S. Whitman Not Specif-
ically Mentioned.

POINTS TO BAD EFFECT
Asserts That Petty Juries Are
Becoming Suspicious of All
Police Witnesses.

A defense of the Police Department
against what he called political at-
tacks was offered by County Judge
Mitchell May of Brooklyn in an ad-
dress to the retiring February Grand
Jury of Kings county yesterday. He
did not mention the Almairal jury or
Charles S. Whitman specifically. He
said:

"In one county we have had twelve
grand juries. One of these was a self-
perpetuating body with no other ap-
parent reason for its existence than to
provide occasion for its foreman to
gain publicity. All men know that on
the eve of a political campaign the
most fruitful source of attacks is the
Police Department. It is most un-
fortunate at this time that these at-
tacks are being made for political
emergencies and by political, worn out
has-beens who are trying to rejuvenate
themselves politically and whose
record shows that in their ambition
they had little respect for life, liberty
and reputation."

"Judge May said the Police Depart-
ment needed no defense and no apology.
"I have never found much of fact in
the assertion, so frequently made, that
a crime wave exists here," he continued.
"The conditions in Greater New York
are conditions that have obtained in
every section of the country and are

similar, in less degree, to those prevail-
ing in all large cities throughout the
civilized world.

Had Effect on Jurors.

"Were the attacks confined to certain
individuals of the force they would mat-
ter little, for nobody can expect that in
any association of thousands of men
they are all free from human failings.
But the attack on the police force has a
most dangerous significance, the peril
of which is so great that public atten-
tion should be riveted upon it by such
public officials as come face to face
with its serious consequences. By such
attacks each individual member of the
Police Department is attacked, but their
startling perils rest in the interference
they offer to the administration of our
criminal law."

"These attacks hold up to contempt
the testimony of police officers in the
prosecution of crime. They weaken and
recently in a number of cases have
killed the strength of police officers'
testimony before petty juries. Of late it
has not been unusual to hear prospec-
tive jurors declare that they could place
no credence in the unsupported testi-
mony of police officers."

"The police force is entitled to a fair
deal. Its members welcome an honest
investigation, but let it be honest. There
are investigating committees in the state
and county, examining into everything,
despite the fact that history shows that
the results of such investigations have
never produced any real benefits, except
in the case of one committee."

"The Kings Grand Jury in its recom-
mendations suggested that steps be
taken to censor the movies and protect
girls and boys from the suggestion of
crime."

Inside of the Ash Contracts.
David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of
Accounts, renewed his attack on Mr.
Whitman by reading a formal statement
of the history of the Jacob Fradus ash
removal contract. This contract has
been under fire in three sessions of the
Whitman Grand Jury, but Mr. Hirsch-
feld is the first to tell the public what
the trouble is supposed to be. Before
the Hyman administration came into of-
fice, Mr. Hirschfeld said, "there ex-
isted a combination which controlled and
monopolized all street cleaning contracts
for the removal of ashes and snow, and
there also existed a combination of cer-
tain forage dealers who paroled out
between themselves the various city con-
tracts for hay and oats, and managed to
keep everyone else from competing."

After the Hyman inauguration Daily &
Kings forfeited their ash removal con-
tract. This and the big snowfall of
January and February, 1918, so hamper-
ed the department of Street Cleaning
that ashes were temporarily piled in
great heaps along the river fronts and
under bridges. Bids for the removal of
the heaps were opened by Street
Cleaning Commissioner MacStay on
March 18, 1918. Jacob Fradus, Inc., put
in the lowest bid, 90 cents a cubic yard.
James McAvoy bid 95 cents, and then
came Charles E. Van Eiten and William
Charlesworth, each bidding \$1.24.

McAvoy failed to qualify by signing a
contract and giving a bond. That left
Fradus with no bidder between himself
and Van Eiten and Charlesworth. An
attempt to get Fradus to drop out fail-
ing, threats were made that he would
not be allowed to carry out the con-
tract, according to Commissioner Hirsch-

field, but, undaunted, he signed a con-
tract and filed a surety bond for \$100,-
000.

Contractor Hampered, He Says.

Hirschfeld figures that Commissioner
MacStay, by awarding the contract to
Fradus instead of the next higher bid-
der, with the approval of the Board of
Estimate, saved the city about \$48,280.
But when Fradus tried to tackle the
ash heaps he found, Commissioner
Hirschfeld said, "that certain interests
were powerful enough to keep him from
obtaining access to any other means to
remove the ashes to deep water." So
Fradus had to cart the ashes in trucks
over the Queensboro Bridge to dump-
ing grounds in Long Island City. Un-
der these circumstances he could not
finish the job in the required sixty
days. Because he had done his best
and "had helped the city to break the
theretofore existing combination" and
the city was saving \$48,280, the period
of the contract was extended by Com-
missioner MacStay.

"It was deemed but fair to give
Fradus a chance," said Mr. Hirschfeld,
"and not take him by the throat and
choke him, which would have been a
very unbecoming thing to do to those
who failed to secure the contract."

"Now this is the story of the mys-
terious transaction, and if treating a
man white is a crime, then I am afraid,
with the exception of possibly a very
few, all of us with red blood in our
veins are criminals."

Mr. Whitman and the Grand Jury
will consider the Fradus contract again
on Tuesday.

COUNSEL'S 'STRATEGY'
KEEPS NURSE IN CELL
Grand Jury Continues to
Probe Crawford Charges.
Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
SYRACUSE, March 5.—Grand Jury in-
vestigation of the two years in bed of
Mrs. Ruth A. Crawford of 307 Emma
street rested today while the woman's
nurse and cousin, Mrs. Alice T. Lattimer,
remained in Police Headquarters.
Her attorney says it is part of the
"strategy" to let her stay in jail and
make no effort to have a formal charge
laid against her so she can be released
on bail.

District Attorney Malpass expects it
will take two or three days of next
week to present evidence to the Grand
Jury. Dr. W. D. Towles, father of
Mrs. Lattimer, has not completed his
testimony and will be recalled Monday.
Mrs. Crawford has been examined by
physicians and pronounced physically
able to testify. She is to be taken to
the courtroom in a wheel chair prob-
ably at the close of Dr. Towles' examina-
tion.

Dr. Towles is the only witness so far
who has been asked to sign a waiver
of immunity.

F. M. VAN NOSTRAND LEAVES JAIL; DIES

Flushing Lawyer Stricken
When Confined Under
\$2,750 Charge.

Frederick M. Van Nostrand, prom-
inent attorney of Flushing, under arrest
on a Supreme Court order in connection
with an investigation of his administration
of an estate, died yesterday morn-
ing in St. John's Hospital, Long Island
City. He was removed to the hospital
from the Queens civil jail after he had
suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

Not until Mr. Van Nostrand's death
was reported by the hospital authorities
did it become known generally that he
was under arrest. He was taken into
custody by Deputy Sheriff J. W. Boyle
Friday night, the Sheriff's action being
based on an order signed by Justice Rus-
sell Benedict of the Supreme Court.
Brooklyn. Justice Benedict issued the
order on the application of attorneys for
Mrs. Clara E. Burling, daughter of the
late George W. Lawrence, who charged
Mr. Van Nostrand with misappropriat-
ing \$2,750 from her father's estate, of
which he was an executor and trustee.

It was made known yesterday that
the lawyer was considerably upset by
his arrest. He said he was making ar-
rangements for settling his affairs and
that the order of arrest was an un-
necessary precaution.

Sheriff Boyle escorted his prisoner to
jail early Friday night. He was in
good health apparently, and so far as
the jail authorities know, passed the
night in sound sleep.

Soon after breakfast was served him
early in the morning Mr. Van Nostrand
complained of being ill. The matter
was reported immediately to Henry
Vogt, Under Sheriff, and an ambulance
was called.

The surgeon who attended Mr. Van
Nostrand said he had suffered a stroke
and that his condition was critical. Less
than two hours afterward he was dead.

Mr. Van Nostrand was a son of the
late Charles A. R. Van Nostrand, old
time lawyer of Queens and at the time
of his death in 1906 manager of the
estates of many prominent Long Island
families. The son studied law in his
father's office and finally was gradu-
ated from New York University Law
School. He took over his father's work
and handled it in connection with ex-
tensive dealing in real estate.

A week ago Mr. Van Nostrand was
made a defendant in an action begun
by his brother, Sidney Van Nostrand,
for a partition and settlement of the
estate of their father. Justice Callaghan
of the Supreme Court, Queens, signed

an order appointing William E. Stewart
of Long Island City referee in action.
The Van Nostrand estate comprises some
land of high value fronting on Flushing
Bay between Flushing and College Point.
On the property is the old Van Nostrand
homestead.

20 TYPHUS SUSPECTS IN 1,957 IMMIGRANTS

200 Aliens Mix With Grand
Central Commuters.
Of 1,957 immigrants arriving at the
several gateways of the city yesterday
Health Department inspectors detained
twenty as possible typhus carriers.
They were sent to Willard Parker Hospi-
tal for a disinfecting bath.

Some confusion occurred at Grand
Central Terminal when 300 foreigners,
just arrived from Boston, got mixed
with thousands of commuters passing
through the concourse on their way to
work. Twenty-five policemen were re-
quired to restore order.

The American Red Cross issued the
following statement yesterday:
"Five American Red Cross hospital
trains of ten cars each, reports received
at local Red Cross headquarters say,
are now being used in the battle to
check the spread of typhus in Poland,
the country in which the dread disease has
made such alarming headway. The
added announcement that the thorough-
ness of the Red Cross campaign in
Poland is proving exceptionally effective
will be gratifying to the people of New
York, who have been watching with
some concern the splendid flight of city,
State and national health forces to keep
the disease out of this country."

CARUSO'S FEVER GONE;
HE IS STILL IMPROVING
Singer Is Cheered by Visit of
Brother.
Continued improvement in the con-
dition of Enrico Caruso was reported yes-
terday by his physicians. A short visit
during the morning by Giovanni Caruso,
the singer's brother, who arrived at the
Vanderbilt Friday night, had the effect
of cheering Caruso.

The meeting with his brother, whom
he had not seen for two years, was care-
fully prepared for and was allowed only
after precautions had been taken that
Caruso would not become too excited.
Any undue excitement at this stage of
his illness, it was said by one of his
physicians, might cause a relapse.

The following bulletin was issued by
the physicians after their consultation:
"Mr. Caruso is progressing regularly
and satisfactorily. His fever has dis-
appeared."
The physicians will not meet until to-
morrow, but Dr. Francis J. Murray will
remain on call during the interim.

Daily Calendar THE WEATHER.

For Eastern New York—Rain and
warmer to-day; to-morrow fair and
colder; increasing southerly winds.
For New Jersey—Showers and warmer to-
day; to-morrow fair and colder; increasing
southerly winds.
For Northern New England—Rain or snow
and warmer to-day; to-morrow fair, some-
what colder; increasing southerly winds.
For Southern New England—Rain and
warmer to-day; to-morrow fair and colder;
increasing southerly winds.
For Western New York—Rain to-day; to-
morrow fair and colder.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Pressure is high
in the Atlantic States, low over a wide belt,
extending from the great lakes southward to
New Mexico and Arizona, and relatively high
over the Northwest. A disturbance of con-
siderable intensity had its center to-night
over northwestern Illinois and it is moving
rapidly eastward. Within the last twenty-
four hours there were rains and snows in the
region of the great lakes, rain in the States
immediately north of the Ohio River and in
the upper Mississippi Valley. Thunderstorms
occurred at many points within this area.
Light rains also have fallen in the north
Pacific States and rain and snow in the
southern Rocky Mountain region.

There has been a marked rise in tempera-
ture over the Ohio and central Mississippi
valleys and the northern Plains States and
temperatures continue above normal gen-
erally over the United States, and particu-
larly so over the Ohio and central Mississippi
valleys and the Southern States.

In the New England States there will be
rain and warmer weather to-morrow and fair
and colder weather on Monday. In the mid-
dle Atlantic States the weather will be un-
settled and warmer, with occasional show-
ers to-morrow and fair and cooler Monday.
In the south Atlantic and east Gulf States
the weather will be fair and warmer to-
morrow, followed by local showers to-mor-
row night or Monday, with somewhat lower
temperatures. In Tennessee and the Ohio Val-
ley there will be showers and thunder-
storms to-morrow, followed by fair and
colder weather by to-morrow night and on
Monday. In the region of the great lakes

there will be rains and snows and colder
weather to-morrow and cloudy weather Mon-
day.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau stations, taken 8 P. M. to-day, ex- cept-fifth meridian time:	
Temperature	Precipitation
Stations	High, Low, aver. 24 hrs. Weather
Albany.....	38 30 30 Cloudy
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LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS.	
Barometer	8 A. M.
Barometer	30.32
Barometer	30.32
Barometer	30.32
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THE DRAMA LEAGUE, annual dinner, Hotel
Albany, 1 P. M.
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Highest temperature, 41, at 8:10 P. M.
Lowest temperature, 28, at 1 A. M.
Average temperature, 34.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

N. J. Stone, Sidney Hillman and Prof.
J. H. Trafts will discuss "Strikes v.
Arbitration," at a meeting under auspices of
the Women's City Club and the Consumers'
League of New York city, Town Hall, 3
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shades of Navy Blue, also Black.

\$4.90 yard

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Serge

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finish; Navy Blue and Black.

\$1.90 yard

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Hudson Seal Coats, 40 inches long, with skunk collar and cuffs. Originally 750.00. Now	375.00
Natural Squirrel Coats, beautiful quality skins. Originally 675.00. Now	395.00
Natural Squirrel Wraps, 45 inches long, very choice quality skins. Originally 1150.00. Now	575.00
Near Seal Coats, very choice quality skins, skunk or beaver collars and cuffs. Originally 350.00. Now	195.00
Near Seal Coats, Sports Model, skunk or self collar and cuffs. Originally 285.00. Now	145.00
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Moleskin Scarfs	\$50	\$25
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